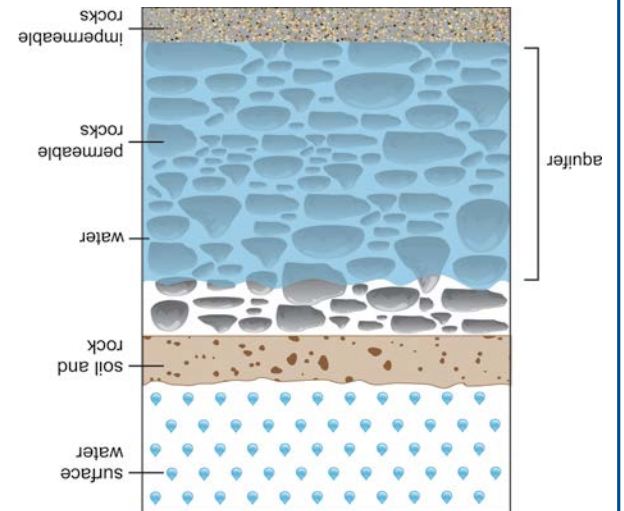




# aqueduct

# aquifer



A structure used to move water from one place to another.

An underground layer of rock or sediment that holds usable amounts of groundwater.



# barrier

# bay



A structure designed to prevent access or to separate things.

A body of water set off from a larger water body.



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benefit

channel



(noun) An improvement  
or advantage.

(verb) To do good or to give aid.

The bed of a stream, a river, or  
another waterway.



# delta

# deposition



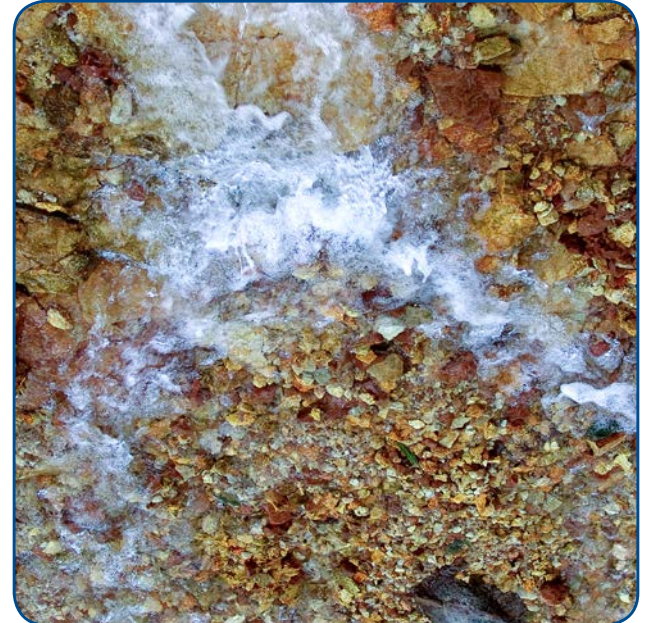
A large, usually triangle-shaped area at the mouth of a river that gradually builds up as the river deposits sediments.

The depositing or settling of rock or soil from one place in another.



# erode

# erosion



To wear away.

The moving of rock and soil from  
place to place by wind, water, or ice.



# estuary

# fertile (land)



The lower end of a river as it empties into a bay or the ocean and mixes with salt water.

Land with nutrient-rich soils that produce abundant plant growth.



# flood

# flood cycle



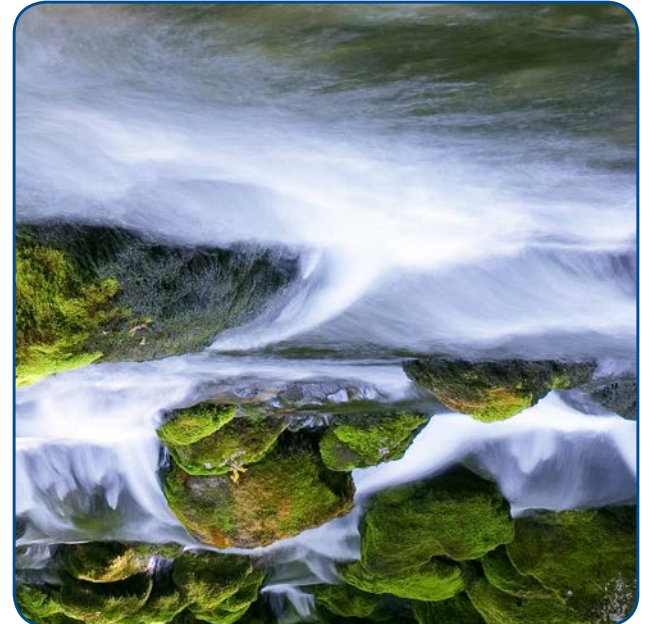
The overflow of water onto dry land.

The periodic seasonal pattern of  
flooding in a river system.



# floodplain

# flow




A flat area along a river that floods when water flows outside of a river's banks.


The movement of a material, such as water.



# headwaters

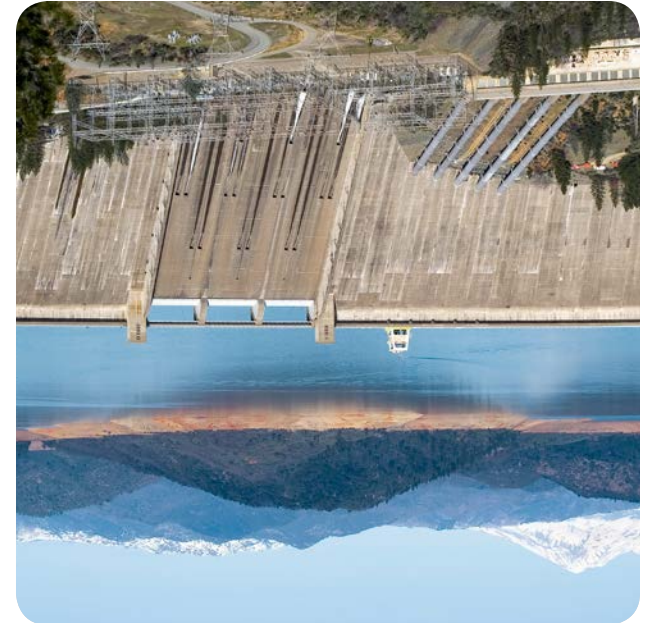
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# hydroelectricity



The springs or small streams that supply water where a river first starts.

Electricity produced by water power, typically when running water is used to turn a generator.



# irrigation

# jetty



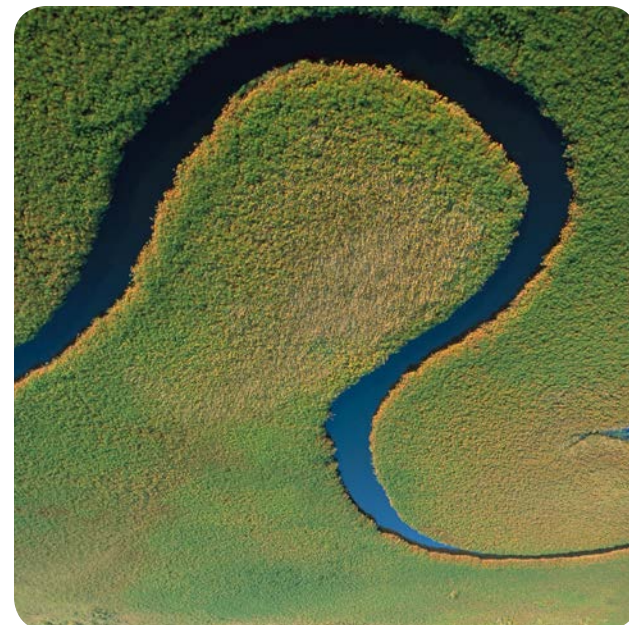
A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.

A structure that runs perpendicular to the shoreline, built by humans to influence currents and protect harbors and coastal areas.



# landscape

# meander



The natural features of an area of land, such as trees and hills.

A winding section of a river  
or stream.



# oxbow lake

# riparian



A bow-shaped lake formed in an old channel as a river changes its path over a long time.

Related to or located along the banks of a river or other waterway.



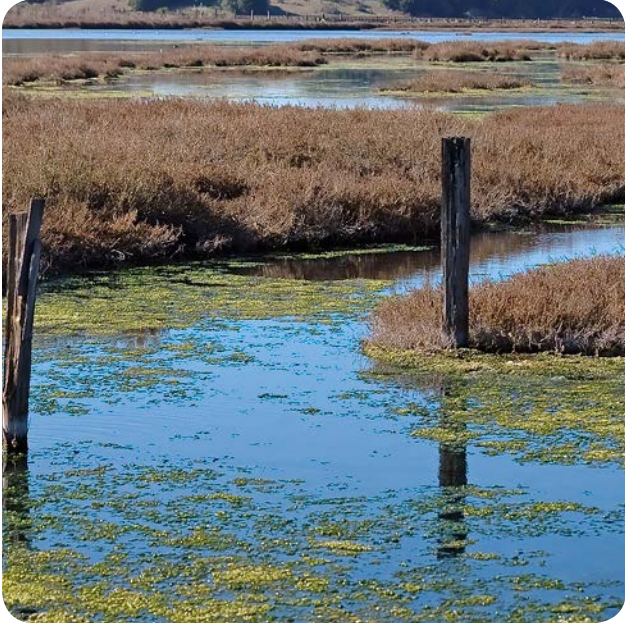
# sediment

# sedimentation




Stones, sand, and soil carried by water, wind, or glaciers.


The settling of sand, rocks, or other material carried by water, wind, or ice.



# slough

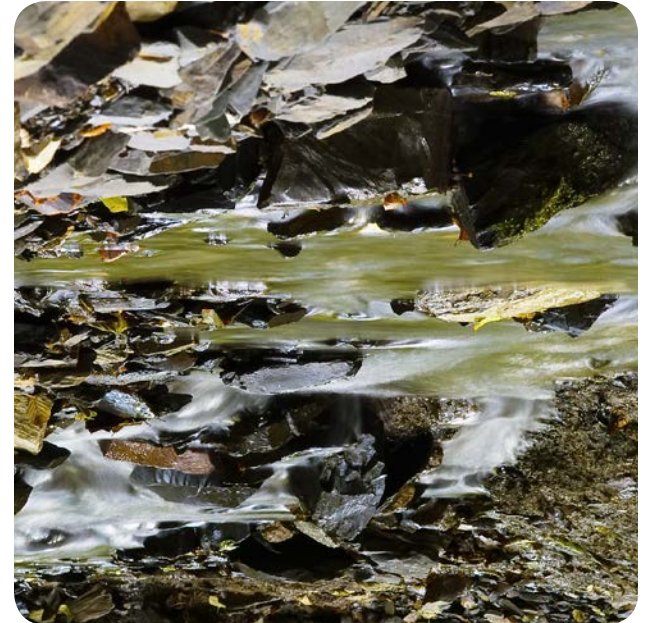
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# streambed



A swamp or marsh formed by backwater of a larger waterway, full of soft, muddy ground.

The channel through which a stream runs or previously ran.



# suspension

# tributary



A liquid with solid particles that are mixed throughout it.

A small river or stream that flows into a larger one.



# watershed

The land area that drains water into a particular body of water, such as a stream, river, lake, or ocean.